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Slide Heaters****Examiner: Brian R. Gordon****Group Art Unit: 1743****Fax No.: 703-872-9306****No. Of Pages: 6****Commissioner for Patents
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 - a. Reply to May 27, 2005 Official Action**
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.